

SERBIANS TO MAKE RIVER CERNA SECOND YSER

SILENT BUT WITH GRIM DETERMINATION SERB ARMY RETIRED FROM MONASTIR

Only overwhelming numbers of invaders forced brave little army to give up the heroic fight.

Paris, Dec. 5 (5.55 p.m.)—A dispatch to the Temps from Milan says that a special correspondent of the Milan newspaper Secolo, who was present at the evacuation of Monastir, has sent the following story from Florina, Greece, under date of last Thursday:

"The Serbs held back their advances throughout Wednesday, but the pressure of the Bulgarians descending from Kichevo threatened the road of retreat from Monastir to Resna, and forced Col. Vassitch to abandon the city. Wednesday at ten p.m. a Serbian battalion passed through the city in retreat, taking the route to Resna. The Serbians gave an impression of resolute heroism. They defied through the streets in good order and in absolute silence.

"The mayor and prefect organized an improvised police service hospital, containing about 300 wounded, above which was hoisted the American flag. Col. Vassitch gave to the American mission, for distribution among the poor, 4,000 pounds of provisions. Col. Vassitch remained until almost the last. He left at 12.30 a.m. in an automobile, with the officers of his staff. The colonel made this statement:

"If the Bulgarians succeed now in cutting the route between Resna and Monastir they will be able to march upon Ochrida and cut the retreat of the Serbian army of the north, which is retreating towards Struga and Elbasan (Albania). We now have a mission to defend the defile of Resna. I hope that up to the last minute we shall be able to make of the river the Cerna a new Yser. We have resisted to the last extremity, but it is impossible to withstand the greatly superior forces. We will fight to our last man, sure of the final victory, sure of the resurrection of Serbia."

Col. Vassitch, before leaving Monastir, posted a proclamation, explaining to the inhabitants the necessity for the retreat. The mayor, prefect and other city officials left by train for Florina. This Thursday morning the last of the Serbian companies left the city, with their machine guns, leaving the Greek flag hoisted above the railway station. The railroad service continues."

MRS. PAUL SWEENEY DIES AT FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Josephine Alberta Sweeney, wife of Paul Sweeney, of Great West Life Insurance Co., of St. John, died this morning at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McLeod, Carleton Place, Ontario, after a long illness of heart trouble. Last spring deceased was in a critical condition for a long time, but later recovered sufficiently to go to St. John for a time, whence she returned here about two weeks ago to visit her parents.

The late Mrs. Sweeney was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, and besides her husband and parents is survived by two brothers, Harry W., assistant of the Chief Engineer of Maintenance of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, and Wm. R. Y. of the Canadian Engineers of the First Canadian contingent; and three sisters, Mrs. A. J. O'Neill, of this city; Mrs. Harry E. Belyea, of St. John, and Miss Pauline at home. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until the arrival of the bereaved husband here tomorrow.

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Tobacco does not seem to affect all. Many men enjoy their smoke, live to a good old age, and apparently suffer no ill effects from the use of the weed.

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ANOTHER GERMAN OFFICIAL HAS BEEN ARRESTED

Charged with plotting to prevent supplies going from United States to the Allied Governments.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Baron George Wilhelm Von Bricken, who claimed immunity from arrest as military attaché of the German consul general here, surrendered last night to federal authorities, and was charged with attempting to destroy commerce with the Entente Allies. He was released on bail bond of \$10,000.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN CITY YESTERDAY

Men who have done their bit for King and country.

One hundred and thirteen officers and privates were in St. John yesterday morning after doing their little bit for their King and country. The men were wounded suffering from the results of gas, or otherwise medically unfit for service, and have been sent home. Some will never be able to return to the front, while others after they become fit again will be called on again to cross the Atlantic and take their positions alongside their comrades in fighting the just cause.

The welcoming committee assisted the soldiers and supplied all with comforts. The majority of the men are enroute to Upper Canada and the West. Twelve of the number are mentioned as members of the 26th Battalion.

The soldiers all looked very well; some had received wounds in the legs, others were suffering from the result of having been gassed by the Germans, and others were suffering from a nervous breakdown. The men in the city were:

Thomson, R. H., Lt.-Col. 43rd Batt. Mills, Lt.-Col. 2nd Batt. Smart, R. W., Lt.-Col. 39th Batt. Moore, Major, C. A. S. C. T. D. Stewart, Capt., C. A. D. C. Montague, F. G., Capt., 6th Brigade staff.

Abell, T. S., Capt. 12th Res. Batt. Doucette, P. J., Capt. C. A. M. C. Dyer, V. W., Capt. 12th Res. Batt. Weld, N. H., Capt. 11th Res. Batt. Clayton, W. B., Capt. 11th Res. Batt. Maybee, O. H., Capt. 15th Batt. Bowden, A. R., Lieut. 11th Res. Br. Craig, W. C., Lieut. 3rd C. M. R. Codville, O. H., M. R. C. D. Fielder, M. M., nursing sister. McLeod, nursing sister.

Peck, Sgt., C. A. M. C. Harneet, Sgt. 9th Res. Batt. Sellars, Sgt. 23rd Res. Batt. Clayton, J. Sgt. 25th Res. Batt. Lewis, R. W., Sgt. 15th Res. Batt. Venn, C. J., Sgt. C. A. M. C. Dupre, Pte. 23rd Res. Batt. Duffin, Pte. 23rd Res. Batt. Curley, Pte. 30th Res. Batt. Watson, Pte. 30th Res. Batt. Bowers, Pte. 30th Res. Batt. McKinnon, Pte. 30th Res. Batt. Pickles, Pte. 30th Res. Batt. Johnson, Pte. 32nd Res. Batt. Maguire, Pte. 32nd Res. Batt. Bell, Pte. 32nd Res. Batt. Burlock, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Dunfee, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Fletcher, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Johnson, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Oughton, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Peck, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Pendergast, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Slater, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Scott, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Williams, Pte. 26th Res. Batt. Stewart, Pte. 39th Res. Batt. Travis, Pte. 39th Res. Batt. Budd, Pte. 43rd Res. Batt. Good, Pte. 43rd Res. Batt. Diggle, Driver, Res. Brig. C. F. A. Greentree, Corp. Res. Brig. C. F. A. Hart, Driver, Res. Brig. C. F. A. James, Gunner, Res. Brig. C. F. A. O'Neill, Shoe Smith, Res. Brig. C. F. A.

Swinnier, Gunner, Res. Brig. C. F. A. Sullivan, Pte. Res. Brig. C. F. A. Ewing, Pte. G. E. Training Dept. Appleton, Pte. C. A. S. C. Bliley, Pte. C. A. M. C. Durrance, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Hastings, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Hall, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Middleton, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Robinson, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Smith, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Whitlock, Pte. 9th Res. Batt. Boal, Pte. 11th Res. Batt. Gouthier, Pte. 11th Res. Batt. Marshall, Pte. 11th Res. Batt. Russell, Corp. 11th Res. Batt. Cornelia, Pte. 12th Res. Batt.

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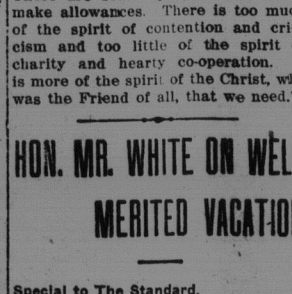
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POLICY OF ITALIAN GOV'T ENDORSED

Following debate — Fully aware of gravity of international situation, but confident of final victory.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted confidence in the government by an overwhelming majority. The vote was taken after a debate on the recent statement of policy by Baron Sonnino, Italian minister of foreign affairs, and a speech by Premier Salandra, who said that the government was fully aware of the gravity of the international situation, but that its confidence in final victory was in no wise shaken.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

The sacred concert at the Opera House last night under the auspices of the Post Office Clerks and Thomas L. Reed was attended by a large audience who greatly appreciated the

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numbers by the 69th Regimental Band, also the following artists who were all endorsed for their fine singing: Miss Blenda S. Thompson in "His Majesty the King," by Edward St. Quentin; solo by Mrs. Burton L. Gerow; solo by Mr. Thomas Guy, and the fine playing of the accompanist, Mr. D. Arnold Fox was a feature of the evening. A number of the artists who were unable to appear owing to severe colds, were appointed of the management.

Two Interesting Contests For Boys and Girls

Watches and Books as Prizes

"Jumbled Words" Contest

Below are given twelve jumbled words. Can you rearrange the letters of same so that the words thus formed make a complete sentence? If so, write the answer on a piece of paper, in your very best handwriting, and send same, together with the usual contest coupon, to

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No Boy or Girl must be over fifteen years of age, and all entries must be in this office by Wednesday, December 15th. Handwriting will be taken into account in the judging. To the Boy or Girl who sends in the correct solution, I shall award a BEAUTIFUL STORY BOOK, and the next in order of merit will receive a valuable CONSOLATION.

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Full Name..... Address..... Age Last Birthday.....

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Make a careful drawing of a map of the Province of New Brunswick, showing rivers and towns only, and to the boy or girl, not over fifteen years of age who sends me in the most neatly, and correctly drawn map I shall award a prize of a BEAUTIFUL WATCH, and the next in order of merit will receive a special consolation prize.

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